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SUBJECT: CAPABILITY OF U.S. FIRM TO IMPLEMENT MAJOR  
HYDROPONICS PROJECT IN LIBYA

1. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER GAUD TOLD CHARGE HE HAS DECIDED TO SIGN \$15 MILLION CONTRACT TODAY FOR MAJOR HYDROPONICS PROJECT WITH AMERICAN COMPANY HYDROCULTURE, INC., GLENDALE, ARIZONA. MINISTER SAID THIS WOULD BE LARGEST SUCH PROJECT OUTSIDE U.S. IN VIEW OF SOMEWHAT EXPERIMENTAL ASPECT OF PROJECT OF THIS SIZE, HE ASKED IF CHARGE COULD TELL HIM ANYTHING REASSURING ABOUT CAPABILITY OF COMPANY TO IMPLEMENT PROJECT IN EFFICIENT MANNER.

2. BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO MINISTER AND COMPANY THAT WE ARE RESPONSIVE TO THIS REQUEST. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AT EARLY DATE.

3. HYDROCULTURE PRESIDENT MALCOLM LENTZ AND OTHER COMPANY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN HERE PAST WEEK NEGOTIATING CONTRACT. ON RETURN TO U.S. LENTZ WILL STOP IN WASHINGTON TO BRIEF CONGRESSMAN RHODES WHO IS INTERESTED IN PROJECT.  
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